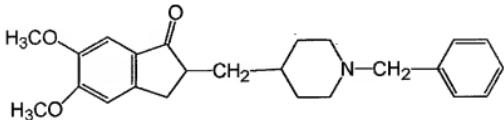
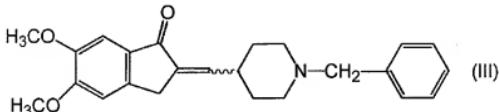


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A process of preparing a compound [1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanon)-2-yl]methylpiperidine] of the structural formula (II):



comprising catalytically hydrogenating a compound [1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanon)-2-ylidene]methylpiperidine] of the structural formula (III):



in the presence of a Raney nickel catalyst in a reaction solvent of toluene, tetrahydrofuran or a solvent mixture of toluene and methanol, in which appropriate quantities of soluble solvent is added, or tetrahydrofuran, wherein the reaction solvent is has a volume 7 to 10 times of the volume of the compound of the structural formula (III).

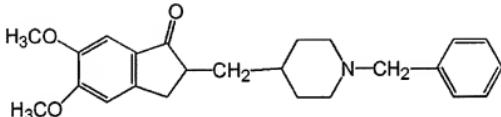
2-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a hydrogen pressure of 0.05 to 7.0 MPa.

8. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a hydrogen pressure of 0.1 to 1.5 MPa.

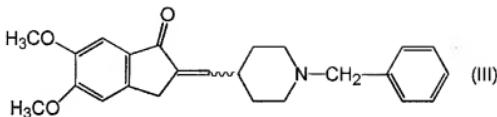
9. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a hydrogen pressure of 0.5 to 1.5 MPa.
10. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein a weight ratio of the Raney nickel catalyst to the compound of the structural formula (III) is 3 to 30%.
11. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein a weight ratio of the Raney nickel catalyst to the compound of the structural formula (III) is 5 to 15%.
12. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, characterized in that the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a reaction temperature of 4 to 60°C.
13. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, characterized in that the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a reaction temperature of about 4 to 40°C.
14. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, characterized in that the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a reaction temperature of 10 to 25°C.

15. (Currently amended) A process for preparing a compound [1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanon)-2-yl]methylpiperidine hydrochloride] of the structural formula (I):

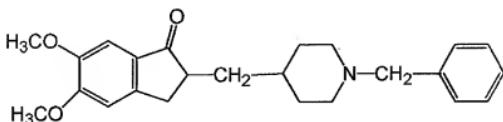


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comprising catalytically hydrogenating a compound [1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanon)-2-ylidene]methylpiperidine] of the structural formula (III):



in the presence of a Raney nickel catalyst in a reaction solvent of toluene, tetrahydrofuran or a solvent mixture of toluene and methanol, in which appropriate quantities of soluble solvent is added, or tetrahydrofuran, wherein the reaction solvent is has a volume 7 to 10 times of the volume of the compound of the structural formula (III) to obtain a compound [1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanon)-2-yl]methylpiperidine] of the structural formula (II):



and then treating the compound of the structural formula (II) with hydrogen chloride or hydrochloric acid.

16. (New) The process according to claim 1, wherein the volume ratio of toluene to methanol in the solvent mixture is 4:1.

17. (New) The process according to claim 15, wherein the volume ratio of toluene to methanol in the solvent mixture is 4:1.